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**NISHIHATA et al.**

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**STOCK SHAPE FOR MACHINING  
AND PRODUCTION PROCESS  
THEREOF**

**VIA EFS**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 5, 2010 and the Notice of Non-

Compliant Amendment dated March 16, 2011, Applicants respond as follows, wherein:

Claim Amendments begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6.

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